

St Mary's RC Primary School, Sabden

The summer term is always a busy but very enjoyable one. The various assessments including KS2 SATs take over a bit during the first half term but the FSA have arranged a fun family bingo night which will offer some light relief and enjoyment.

We are excited about our KS2 performance which is the first we have done in the summer term. Preparations have already started but rehearsals will commence in full after the SATs. We are performing 'The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan' which is a comical musical and promises to be very entertaining.

After half term, Class 3 are looking forward to a half day at Blackburn Museum on the topic of Inventors and Inventions, and the whole school is looking forward to Burnley FC providing PE on Fridays including an after school football club which will no doubt be very popular.

We have tried some new after school sports clubs this year. Basketball and dance have been very popular and we have netball and football after half term.

This term we will say 'Good Bye' to our Y6 Leavers and wish them much love as they move on. We will be welcoming the new children in Reception and also a new teacher in Class 1.

From all at St Mary's, I wish you a restful and peaceful summer break.

Claire Halstead, Head Teacher

Thorneyholme RC Primary School, Dunsop Bridge

During the better weather, we welcomed some of the local primary schools to join us for Forest School activities in our designated forest area, Black Planting Forest at Dunsop Bridge. Children not only learned about God's wonderful creation through fun outdoor activities but made new friends and enjoyed toasting marshmallows!

We have also celebrated "pupil power" this term, as we received official notification that - following our lobbying of our MP Nigel Evans, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and the Queen - the telephone box in Dunsop Bridge has been saved! It had been earmarked as one of the BT boxes to be removed but following our successful campaign it will now remain in place marking the official Centre of the Kingdom!

Throughout this term, many events are planned including our "Thorneyholme's Got Talent" Competition, a Health & Sports themed week and of course our traditional end of year barbeque!

Our PTA is serving refreshments in Dunsop Bridge village hall on Sunday 14th May from 11.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. please come along and enjoy our beautiful surroundings, wonderful home-made cakes and support our small school at the same time!

Judith Metcalfe
Head Teacher

Please contact us or look on our school websites should you have any comments or questions.

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Parish of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Primary Schools Newsletter Summer 2017



Welcome

Another Academic Year comes to a close and this is the final newsletter for the 2016/17 period.

Across our schools children have worked hard on their Sacramental Programme journey. They will all be receiving their first Holy Communion and I'm sure you will join us in prayers of support for these pupils.

Summer is a wonderful time and always a busy term. Look out for Summer Fayres, Sports Days, End of Year performances etc! But it is also a poignant time as each school watches their Y6 pupils leave for the next part of their educational journey. We send them on with love and pride and ask the Holy Spirit to be with them always.

Miss Claire Halstead

Headteacher, St Mary's RC Primary School, Sabden

Religious Education Summer Overview



St Mary's RC Primary School

Following Easter and the joy of the Resurrection of Christ, KS1 pupils have explored the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They have enjoyed sharing their good news just as Jesus brought us His Good News.

Years 3 & 4 have been remembering the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. They know that Jesus taught us to forgive others and that we should follow his example.

Our older children, Y5 & Y6, are studying Transformation. They have looked at our natural sources of energy such as sun, wind, water, and are now exploring their own energy, using their strength to do good.

St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

We are starting off this term finding out about Pentecost and Serving.

In KS1 we will be learning about passing on our good news and Jesus' Good News. We are also learning about what makes a holy day an important day in relation to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In KS2, Year 3 are learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Year 4 we learn how to hear and live the Easter Message. Year 5 are learning about the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and Year 6 will be finding out about how the Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses.

Other topics later in the term which we will be studying as a school are Reconciliation and how we relate to each other and God the Universal Church; looking after our world, holy places, saints of the church and the work of the Christian family.

Thorneyholme RC Primary School

During the Easter period, our children have been learning about Lent and the events of Holy Week. The infant children looked at how Easter is a time for change whilst the juniors explored and reflected upon how we, as individuals, can grow closer to God through self-discipline. Following this, the infants will be looking at the choices we make and how sometimes we do wrong things and need to seek forgiveness. The juniors will be learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, particularly the examination of conscience. Towards the end of term our school theme will be Stewardship. Learning will focus on God's People; being good global neighbours and learning how saints and martyrs showed God's love. The junior children will be visiting a Synagogue this term as part of their Judaism learning.

During Holy Week, morning Stations of the Cross were held in our Prayer Garden and on Maundy Thursday we held a Lenten Read Around, where parishioners and parents were invited into school to participate in telling the Easter story through the accounts of eye witnesses, interspersed with popular Easter hymns!

Suggested Family Fun Activities from St Michael and St John's

Have a "Library day" at home. How many books have you got? Put your favourite authors together. Sort them into Fiction and Non-Fiction.

Have a picnic outside and thank God for our gifts. Go for a walk and count how many trees are in leaf or blossom. Thank God for his creation.

Sharing Our Learning from Thorneyholme

In June, we celebrate Pentecost, when the Disciples received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's power in action, his active force. Why not make an origami dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit; keep it somewhere special to remind you of the Holy Spirit within you. This month, the schools and the churches of Our Lady of the Valley will be supporting our Year 3 children who will be making their First Holy Communion. Do you know someone who has already made their First Holy Communion, a member of your family or friend? Have a look at the photographs of their special day.

A Family Prayer from St Mary's

God,

Keep my family, friends and loved ones safe.

Please watch over them always and let good health, happiness and good fortune befall them.

Amen

Other News from our Schools

St Michael & St John's RC Primary School, Clitheroe

This term we are excited to begin Forest Schools with some of our KS1 one children. 'Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers all learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees'. Already the children have been building dens, putting up hammocks and toasting marshmallows. They are thoroughly enjoying this wonderful opportunity to further explore and celebrate God's wonderful creation.

The summer term will be busy, but fun with many events planned including trips, visits, themed days and sports days. We look forward to welcoming our children who will start with us in September and we support our Year 6 and enjoy their final term with them as they prepare to transition on to high school. We wish them every future success and happiness.

We also pray for our Year 3 children as they make their sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Our Caritas Ambassadors are now active in their role and our Pupil Chaplains begin the process of appointing their successors after an amazing year. They demonstrated the power of 'choreographed prayer' during their stunning post communion reflection at the recent Mass of Vocations

From all at SSMJ we wish you a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. Zoe Mabbott